

SUMMER 2010

Adult Formation

Sunday Mornings
9:00 A.M.

Continuing through June 6

Exploring Diverse Religious Traditions, Brad Stroup, La Paz

Using five major religions—Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism—as illustrations of how religions can address the same core issues in parallel and different ways, this series invites you on an exploration of religion's complex and multidimensional nature. Each session features a video presentation by New Testament scholar Charles Kimball, followed by discussion facilitated by Brad Stroup. *Spiritual and Theological Formation.*

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June 6

Seneca: The Life and Influence of the Roman Philosopher, Ron Lancaster, East Gallery

Come and hear about Lucius Seneca, the renowned two thousand year old Stoic thinker, and his penetrating philosophy of ideas and attitudes that even had St. Augustine and other early Church Fathers borrowing and passing on to us today. Many called him an honorary Christian for good reason. *Spiritual Formation.*

June 6

The Mysteries of Voting in Arizona Revealed!, Melanie Nelson of the Pima County Interfaith Council and Brad Stroup, La Paz

Voting in Arizona can be a subtle and complex art form. Because Independents can vote in either a Republican or Democratic primary, selecting the right party affiliation in a primary election is not as simple as it is in many other states. Intelligent choices can be rewarding. *Mission Formation.*

June 13, 27, July 11

Experiencing the Great Christian Mystics, Brad Stroup, La Paz

We continue the popular series of Forums that commenced during Lent this spring: Experiencing the Great Christian Mystics—plus a surprise ringer. *Spiritual Formation.*

June 13: **Nicholas of Cusa**, who experienced the “Vision of God” in 1453 and was never the same afterward.

June 27: **Mechthild of Magdeburg**, one of several Beguines, who experienced the “Flowing Light of the Godhead” in 1265. The Beguines were laywomen devoutly committed to the humanity of Jesus and the Eucharist during the 13th and 14th centuries.

July 11: **“The Fire Sermon,”** given by Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, in about 520 B.C.E.

June 20

Abel Emerging: A Reconsideration of the Christian Story for a Sustainable World, The Rev. Ron Rude, La Paz

Join the Rev. Ron Rude, Lutheran Chaplain at the University of Arizona, for a presentation on his book *Abel Emerging*, a passionate, even lyrical, invitation for thoughtful people to re-frame the dominant narrative of the Christian story. Sober in its analysis, modest in its hopefulness, but bold in its vision, the book is a provocative, yet realistic, call to new thought and new action on behalf of a beleaguered creation. *Spiritual Formation.*

July 4: No Forums in observance of Independence Day.

July 18

Reflections on an Interfaith Journey to Israel, Interfaith Sojourners, East Gallery

Eighteen Travelers from our congregation and Temple Emanu-El embarked on an extraordinary interfaith journey to Israel, June 2–14. Their journey featured memorable visits to Christian and Jewish sites throughout Israel and teachings by the Rev. John Kitagawa along the way. The group will share memories and reflections from this Interfaith Journey. *Spiritual and Mission Formation.*

What class or series is right for me?

Mission Formation—

This course/series is for: all interested St. Phillipians, especially persons involved in some kind of mission and ministry... teachers, liturgical ministers, small group facilitators, commissioners, youth leaders, and outreach leaders. Parents will find this course/series helpful in engaging family discussion around mission, social justice and outreach issues.

Spiritual Formation—

This course/series is for: all interested explorers, especially persons involved in some kind of spiritual exploration or leadership... inquirers, seekers, teachers, liturgical ministers, small group facilitators, commissioners, youth leaders, pastoral care ministers, and lay Eucharistic ministers. Parents will find this course/series helpful in nurturing family discussion around spiritual issues.

Theological Formation—

This course/series is for: all interested St. Phillipians and Community Members, especially persons involved in some kind of education ministry... teachers, liturgical ministers, small group facilitators, commissioners, and youth leaders. Parents will find this course/series helpful in supporting family discussion around foundational faith issues.

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August 1, 8, 15, 22

The University of Arizona Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies
with St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES 2010: The West is not Immune: Religion and Violence in Early Modern Europe, Music Center

At various times and places, Western Christians have engaged in acts of violence that they insisted God demanded of them. As we face a complex world today, we might recall that some of these times are not in a far distant past. The Summer Lecture Series this year takes up four of those contexts, drawn from the Reformation and post-Reformation era. *Theological and Mission Formation.*

August 1: **"Violence and Rumor: The Protestants and the Irish Catholic Rebellion of 1641,"** Ute Lotz-Heumann, Heiko A. Oberman Professor of Late Medieval and Reformation History

August 8: **"Mayhem in the Name of God: The Thirty Years' War 1618-1648,"** Susan Karant-Nunn, Regents' Professor of History, Director of the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies

August 15: **"Ready to Die in God': The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre,"** Rebecca Mueller, Ph.D. student

August 22: **"Prisoner and Commander: The Sack of Rome becomes a Massacre,"** Daniel Jones, M.A. student

August 29

Reflections on William Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*, Ron Lancaster, East Gallery

Two Houses, Capulet and Montague, all at war with each other, finally brought low by the love of their children, Romeo & Juliet. Uplifting and tragic, Mars is trumped by Venus. *Spiritual Formation.*

Sunday Afternoons
12:30 P.M.

June 27, July 25

Phixers Phorums, St. Philip's Phixers

In the current economy, many people are looking for ways to save money whenever they can. The Philip's Phixers, a group of parish volunteers who meet weekly to do maintenance and repair work around the church, sponsor a monthly series of classes on general home maintenance topics, held on fourth Sundays. Classes last about 1 to 2 hours. Professionals from the community teach different topics each month. Some may be hands-on, so dress comfortably or bring a change of clothes. You may also want to bring a bag lunch. *Mission Formation.*

June 27: **Drip Irrigation: From Hose Bib to Plants**, La Paz
Mark Rios, manager of Ace Hardware at Campbell Plaza, promises you'll get lots of tidbits on installing and maintaining a drip system.

July 25: **Painting**, East Gallery
Details to follow for this July Phixer Phorum.

Wednesday Evenings
7:00 P.M.

June 9, 16, 23, 30

Meditation: A Tool for Prayer, Will Duncan, and Mercedes Bahleda, Renouf/Nelson Library

In this 4 week series we explore a very classical presentation of meditation from a Tibetan Buddhist perspective. Meditation is the ability to keep the mind focused on an object. We will learn a tried and true step-by-step method for developing this skill and talk about the ways it can assist us on our Christian path. *Spiritual Formation.*